

To Whom It May Concern

I would like to express my support of XM radio in regard to broadcasting local traffic reports. As an over-the-road truck driver I use this feature when I am approaching areas such as D.C., New York, Chicago.... to find out the best route to take so as not to end up in traffic jams and further causing problems for local citizens. It also lets me know in advance of problems on the roads I am using in order to adjust my speed thereby making a safer environment for everyone. I can not use local channels for this since they only broadcast traffic during local commute times. However, construction delays do not always conform to these times. Also since I do not live in the areas where I travel I do not know which local channels to tune to.

Beyond my personal reasons for needing to use this service, I do not feel it is appropriate for local businesses to beg for Federal involvement when they are unwilling to adjust to competition. It would seem to me a better investment of their time and money to improve their service for the people who use it.

I would like to respectfully ask you to consider my comments when reviewing the NAB petition 04-160.

Thank you,
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